

2004 POULTRY AND EGG HIGHLIGHTS

Egg production for 2004 totaled 118.5 million eggs, 1 percent above the 117.2 million eggs produced during 2003. This increase in egg production reversed the thirteen years of consecutive declines. The average number of layers on hand during 2004 was 500,000, the lowest since 1960 and the 16th consecutive year of decline.

Cash receipts from the sale of eggs during 2004 was \$10.7 million, 14 percent greater than 2003.

The total number of egg-type chickens on hand in Hawaii on December 1, 2004 was 598,000 birds, fractionally below 2003. The 598,000 birds consisted of 507,000 layers and 91,000 non-laying pullets. The 507,000 layers was 4 percent more than a year ago.

CHICKENS: December 1 inventory by class, by counties, 2000-2004

Year	All chickens (excluding broilers)	Number of layers			Non-laying pullets		Other chickens (excluding broilers)
		Hens 1 year +	Pullets under 1 year	Total	Over 3 months	Under 3 months	
Thousands							
State							
2000	722	435	174	609	56	57	*
2001	659	373	181	554	50	55	*
2002	625	381	142	523	44	58	*
2003	600	357	129	486	67	47	*
2004	598	349	158	507	44	47	*
Counties:							
Hawaii/Kauai/Maui ¹							
2000	152	95	53	148	0	4	*
2001	146	77	65	142	0	4	*
2002	130	89	37	126	0	4	*
2003	118	100	11	111	5	2	*
2004	131	78	48	126	5	0	*
Honolulu							
2000	570	340	121	461	56	53	*
2001	513	296	116	412	50	51	*
2002	495	292	105	397	44	54	*
2003	482	257	118	375	62	45	*
2004	467	271	110	381	39	47	*

* = Less than 500.

¹ Kauai and Maui combined with Hawaii to avoid disclosure of individual operations.